



Office of

**Council President Pro Tem Anthony Young  
District four**

**April 16, 2007 Weekly Update**



*Let's play ball!*

## **City Council Actions:**

**On Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>, we approved a pay increase for our police officers.** I have been alarmed and determined to address the high rate of police officers leaving the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) for other police departments and law enforcement agencies because those agencies paid higher salaries. The salary increase negotiated and approved by the Council is one step in a multi-step approach to help ensure our police officers stay with SDPD and protect and serve our communities. I am working on other measures to assist with this matter and will be providing additional recommendations in the near future.

**The Council also received a report from our City Actuary responsible for helping review our pension system. The Actuary responded to my questions about our pension system that gave me some comfort. Simply put, I am pleased to announce that our pension system is fiscally sound enough to pay all city retirees for as long as they are owed retirement checks. The system is not in ruin or near ruin. There is no looming bankruptcy. The City does not have to write anyone or any organization a check for one or more billion dollars this year or any year! The City is paying the appropriate amount of dollars into the pension system, per year, to help reduce the liability (and can pay more if feasible).** I commend and thank our Actuary for his candid responses to my question. His answers have helped to simplify what appears to be a complex pension system.



## You May Want to Know:

**The San Diego City-County Reinvestment Task Force which I co-chair with Supervisor Roberts, will be hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 12 noon on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the City Administration Building located at 202 C Street.** This televised meeting will feature representatives from the mortgage industry discussing home foreclosures and the crisis in the lending market caused by the collapse of sub-prime lenders. I called for this special meeting topic because of my concern that many home owners are losing their homes because of a sudden jump in their mortgage payments. **More importantly, I am very concerned that low and moderate income families trying to buy a home will not be able to, because lenders will further restrict who they lend to resulting in only high income families with near perfect credit scores being able to buy a home.** This is a serious crisis in the beginning stage and we must begin to address it now. I look forward to you attending the meeting.

**Saturday, April 21, 2007 is the Annual Fourth District Youth Job fair. The “Youth Job Fair” will be for youth between the ages of 16- 25. This event will be held at the Tubman Chavez Center, 415 Euclid Avenue from 10:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.** The job fair will feature employers ready to hire both part-time and full-time employees. Please bring your resumes and dress for success. This is one of several opportunities for you to take advantage of to get a job or get a better job. This event is being sponsor by the Workforce Partnership, Fourth District Youth Advisory Board, and Coalition of Neighborhood Councils. Please contact Derrick White of my staff for additional information at (619) 236-6644

**On Saturday, April 21, 2007, 12:00 noon at the George Stevens Senior Center (570 S. 65<sup>th</sup> Street), School Board Vice President Sheila Jackson and I will be presenting the Morse High School Foundation and Lincoln High School Foundation.** The purpose of these two Foundations is to provide the community an opportunity to invest directly in its two high schools, Lincoln and Morse. Funds will be used to fund projects and programs at the two schools. Projects and programs will be identified by school students and staff. Your support and donations are needed. For additional information please contact Alfie Webb, Lincoln Foundation at (619) 847-5997 and/or Bernadette Rawlings, Morse Foundation at (619) 267-9648. Please join us for this historic event for our 4<sup>th</sup> District communities. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Community Clean-ups are continuing to be held throughout the 4<sup>th</sup> District.** I commend, thank, and congratulate the many community volunteers and city staff that assist in these efforts. Keeping our communities clean and free of debris is an ongoing effort we all must continue to be involved in. Thank you all for your continued efforts. At the April 4, 2007 community clean-up held in the 4<sup>th</sup> District community of Greater Skyline Hills, over 15 tons of waste and recyclables was removed from the neighborhood. Again, I commend and thank the volunteers and City staff for this successful effort.



**The Fourth District Youth Advisory Board would like to invite the youth of the community to audition for the upcoming “Day in the Fourth” which will be held on June 9, 2007 at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.** The “Day in the Fourth” is a community festival event being coordinated by youth for the youth of our community. It is a day to build peace and unity; and to show the diversity of talents that youth of this community possess. Auditions will be held from 5pm to 6pm on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> at the Malcolm X Library located at 5148 Market Street. For more information please contact Derrick White of my staff at (619)236-6644.

**The Broadway Heights Community Council needs your help! The Council is hosting a 16 day Civil Rights tour for youth and mentors from the 4<sup>th</sup> District. The Youth Leadership Team will get firsthand information of the civil rights movement and American history, via visits to the White House, Congress, MLK Center in Atlanta, Lorraine Motel Civil Rights Museum in Memphis (where Dr. King was murdered), and the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Montgomery, Alabama (site of the famous march from Selma to Montgomery by Dr. King in 1965).** This life experience for our 4<sup>th</sup> District youth will begin in July of 2007. Please call (619) 993-7612 for information on how you can contribute to this highly commendable effort by the Broadway Heights Community Council. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated.

**The 3rd Annual Filipino-American Arts and Culture Festival will be held on Paradise Valley Road on October 6, 2007.** This event will showcase the great diversity that is found in our wonderful District through cultural performances, educational booths, ethnic foods and art displays. In order to ensure a successful event, the Filipino-American Arts and Culture Committee is now currently in the planning stage and would like to extend the invitation to any interested members of the community who would like to help plan and organize for this grand festival. This would be a great opportunity to meet new neighbors in the Fourth District and to bring the community together for a day of fun. If interested, please contact Liezl Mangonon from my staff for more information at 619-236-6644.

## **Community Council Meetings:**

*I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can.*

*- George Bernard Shaw*

I am in total agreement with him and I am very proud and thankful of the fact that residents throughout the 4th District also share this belief. Please join me or a member of my staff at the following Community Councils meeting this week:

- **The Paradise Hills Village Council** will meet on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Lee Elementary, 6196 Childs Avenue (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)



- **The Knox/ Lincoln Park Town Council** will meet on Thursday April 19, 2007 at 6:30 p.m., Knox Elementary School, 1098 S. 49<sup>th</sup> Street. (Liezl Mangonon staffs this meeting)
- **The Martin Luther King Recreation Council** will meet on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 12:00 noon, MLK Rec. Center, 6401 Skyline Drive (Derrick White staffs this meeting)
- **The Grand Mother's Connection** meets every Thursday morning from 10:00 a.m. until 12 noon at the Tubman/Chavez Center, 415 North Euclid Avenue. This exemplary group of 4th District grandmothers provides support and assistance to grandparents or relatives who are raising children under the age of 18. We all know how unfortunate it is when a child has to be raised by his/her grandparents or a relative. I commend and congratulate this groups of grandmothers who are doing what they can to raise their children's children and assist others who are experiencing the same. Any assistance or resources you can provide to them will be very helpful. Thank you for your help and support. For additional information, please contact Sheryl Lambert at (619) 931-9548.

## Boards & Commissions:

*"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.*

*You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."*

*—Dr. Martin Luther King*

An opportunity for you to volunteer your services exists with the many City of San Diego Boards and Commissions.

Please visit the City's web site at [www.sandiego.gov](http://www.sandiego.gov) and view the many boards and commissions available for you to possibly serve on. You will find that several members' terms are expiring, who is responsible for nominating and appointing members, and what the terms and requirements for service are.

Please call Benelia Santos-Hunter at 236-6644 if you are interested in serving as a 4<sup>th</sup> District representative on a particular Board and/or Commission.



## Save this Date:

**Please join Mayor Sanders on Wednesday May 2, 2007, 6:00 p.m .at the Malcolm X Library, 5148 Market Street.** Again, I will be welcoming Mayor Sanders to the 4<sup>th</sup> District to discuss his proposed 2008 budget and what it means for the 4<sup>th</sup> District and the City.

## Thank You.....

for reading my E-mail Message for the Week. If you would like to receive this E-mail on a regular basis, please e-mail me at [anthonyyoung@saniego.gov](mailto:anthonyyoung@saniego.gov).

